GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3384
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2004
FIRE IN JHUGGI CLUSTER IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of fire in Jhuggi clusters in Delhi have become common occurrence;

(b) if so, the number of fire incidents in the Jhuggi clusters alongwith loss of life and property during the last three years;

(c) the main reasons for the fire incidents;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide relief to the victims of the fire incidents;

(e) whether every such fire incident has been investigated upon by the Government; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government on the basis of the outcome of the inquiry report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b): The requisite details are given in the Annexure.

(c): The reasons for fire incidents include short circuit, loose wire connections, sparks of flames from open chulhas and deliberate act of setting fire in jhuggi clusters by persons with vested interest.

(d): Relief is given to the victims of fire in jhuggis as per guidelines issued by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi as revised from time to time.

(e)&(f): Delhi Police conducts investigation after registration of cases in such incidents and cases are sent for trial where evidence of an offence is available.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3384 FOR 21.12.2004 REGARDING FIRE IN JHUGGI CLUSTER IN DELHI.

Year	Total incidents of fire	Total number of Jhuggi gutted	Estimated loss (Rs.in lakh)	Number of persons injured	Number of deaths
2001-02	126	3765	1556	11	05
2002-03	145	3510	1224	45	26
2003-04	70	1100	456	03	02
TOTAL	341	8375	3236	59	33